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COUNTRY	USSR (Lithu	uanian SSR)	REPORT	1		
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Evaluation:			25X1
Country: USSR			
SUBJECT: Nav	al activity in the harbo	r of Klaipeda	
1. The following naval ves	ssels were observed at Kl	aipeda	25 <b>X</b> 1
a. A torpedo boat very	far to the southeast of	the beacon, headed south,	
laying down a smoke screen.	Had a mast about amids	hips.	
b. An oil tanker, load	ed, enterin	g the harbor; estimated	25 <b>X</b> 1
tonnage, 1,500 tons.			
c. On the left bank of	the Dange, 7 fast motor	torpedo boats, without visible	e
torpedoes			25X1
d. In the Lindenau shi	pyards, a ship's mast fl	ying a flag ready to be	
launched a commercial ve	ssèl.		
2. A dredge also was s	een in action in the nor	thern part of the entrance	
channel. At present the	river is dredged to 22	feet instead of 19.6, as	

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#### SUBJECT: Harbor Installations at Klaipeda

#### 1. Naval harbor and arsenal

The naval harbor and the arsenal at Klaipeda appear to be located, partly on land and partly over water, between the Winter Harbor and the Boat Harbor, around point A (see attached plan).

The arsenal appears to be bounded by the Dange River on the south,

Holzstrasse on the east, and a palisade between Holzstrasse and the Winter

Harbor on the north.

It is possible, however, to travel along the River Dange west of the Carls bridge, to the point marked A on the plan. The buildings along the way, which are extremely decrepit, are guarded at several points by armed guards. At A there is a large wooden gate guarded by police and the Navy.

#### 2. Harbor installations

The following details were observed:

- 1. Wreck and green buoy;
- 2. signal station;
- 3. rangefinder station;
- 4. radio antennas and beacon;
- 5. rangefinder station visible above the trees;
- 6. no wharf;
- 7. wooden launching cradle, probably for a lifeboat (condition unknown);
- 8. ruined wooden pier;
- 9. two wooden piers;
- 10, 11. piers.

Note: these four piers [9, 10, 11] are the only ones alongside which a vessel can be brought,

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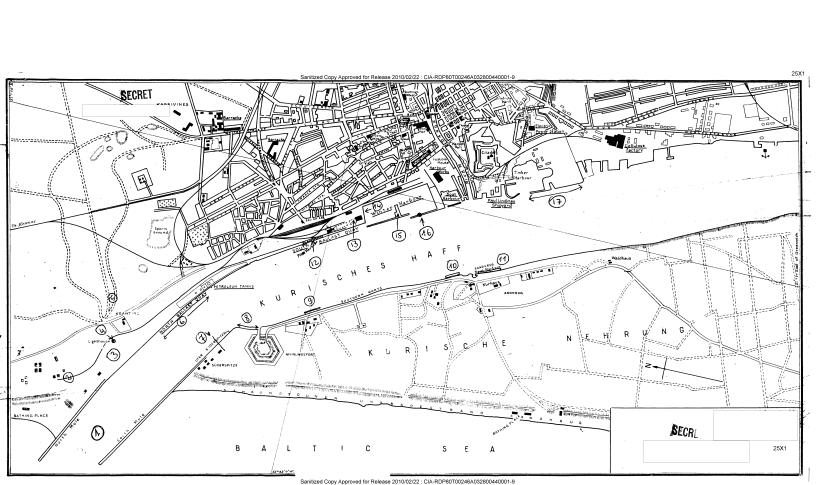
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12. wharf under repair, about 100 meters. This wharf had collapsed.

It is made of pile planks.

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- 13. small shipyard
- 14. pilot-boat station
- 15. turrets and mounts (for artillery and antiaircraft guns) dismantled from commercial ships; painted with red lead.
  - 16. small signal station
  - 17. many trawlers



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#### Port Installations

- a) <u>Winter Harbor</u> West Pier
- Enough water to receive a Liberty carrying a half load (S/S "KIROV", after unloading, was located at the South Ballast Pier)
  - From North to South:
    - 2 cranes, each of about 5 tons
    - 3 cranes, each of about 2 tons

Also located in the Winter Harbor is a floating crane, new (or recently acquired), of 50-100 tons. It was seen lifting a concrete block estimated to weigh about 40 tons, with a small tackle-block, and with a very serious tilting of the jib. Perhaps this floating crane can do much more under optimum conditions.

#### b) South Ballast Pier

Built of with wooden fenders (in bad condition and under complete prechabling; they are attempting to make it rectilinear to offset the sinuosity of the pier).

Toward the part under construction /, the pier is approachable (a Soviet ship, in the process of being painted completely, was there and hid the breach in the pier), but the inside of the sheet pier are caved in or worn away, and there is at least one breach. It appears that this part of the pier is in the process of being rebuilt (new pilings are stored nearby).

The pier has two tracks, of Soviet gauge, placed on the side nearest the ships

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This pier is equipped with several cranes, from North to South	•
- 1 crane, 10-15 tons	25X
- 1 crane, Soviet construction, new, 10-15 tons (crank-lever)	
- 1 crane of similar construction	
- 2 cranes, 10-15 tons	25X
- 4 cranes, 5-10 tons	
- 2 other cranes on the second level for the unloading of rail	road cars.
c) "Paul Lindinau" Shipyards	
Thes shippard at the South Ballast Pier was observed without an	y appreciable
results. However, large buildings or sheds that conceal the constr	uction slips
were observed, but not any large ships are now u	nder
construction there.	25X
In addition, several trawlers that were moored at the entrance	to the Dange
River, on the shipyard side, seemed to be undergoing repairs.	
niver, on the support side, seemed to be undergoing repairs.	25X
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For another thing, on the south bank of the Dange River, at the	wharf,
there is a service for small boats.	
The moat of the citadel serves as a port for the large excursion	n vedettes of
the same service. Aerodynamic vedettes about 20 meters in length.	Four of these
vedettes were observed.	
Observed in front of the Timber Harbor were a great number of	steel trawlers
(of a nearly uniform type-length 30-35 meters, clearly Baltic type	
the "Rostock" trawlers, which take refuge during the suc	
of the herring season). The small wooden trawlers of Klaipeda are	painted white,
the large ones of steel are painted black (Rostock green).	
Some of these trawhers were moored for several minutes at the	landing of the
South Ballast Pier	

## d) Petroleum Tanks

The Petroleum Tanks of the North Ballast Pier consist of one large reservoir, rather tall and narrow, and perhaps of underground tanks (a camouflaged roof close to the ground south of the large tank). Length about 60-80 meters. The reservoirs farther north consist of cylindrical tanks of various types and sizes, placed on a level with earth embankments.

## e) Commercial traffic of the port

- South Ballast Pier:
  - North section: Mine props
  - Middle section: Anthracite from Donetz (for export)

A small Soviet cargo ship was unloading coal there.

- South section: Miscellaneous items Cork Bricks
- Winter Harbor, West Pier: identical material

Also noted: very large quantities of iron ingots in several piles within the port enclosure.

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### f) Condition of port equipment and miscellaneous information

the port equipment is very shabby. Plenty of patch work and crude repairs, not much maintenance or good repair work. The same is true of the piers, sheds, buildings, roads, etc... General dirtiness.

The propaganda posters, Stakhanovite pictures, placards bearing slogans and utilitarian information are drawn up in duplicate:

- a) Latin characters
- b) Russian characters

The text in Latin letters is neither Polish or German.

Loudspeakers are mounted everywhere on the piers and sheds: music, songs, speeches, probably radio broadcasts.

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The portraits of Stalin are rare, but there is a statue of him near the Borsen bridge, on the right bank, east of the Dange River.

On the same bank and to the west, the building marked "Exchange" no longer constructed
exists; a public square is in the process of being extended at this site.

The "Carls" bridge, of wood, is unusable and barricaded, and is probably being repaired.

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	SUBJECT: Harbor Installations at Klaipeda	
	observed the following details: in	25X1
(1)	Wreck of a German freighter, marked with buoys.	
(2)	Two range finders.	
(3)	One radar.	
(4)	An observation post.	
(5)	Dredging in process.	
(6)	An observation post.	
(7)	Entrance to a military reservation, guarded by dogs at night.	
(8)	An observation post. SECRET	25 <b>X</b> 1

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